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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/677,303

Applicants: Helene STRICK-MARCHAND, et al.

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For: BIPOTENTIAL LIVER CELL LINES FROM WILD-

TYPE MAMMALIAN LIVER TISSUE

Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: V. AFREMOVA

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Restriction Requirement

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Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated November 17, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I: Claims 1-11, 22-23, 36-37, 39-43 and 45, drawn to a mammalian hepatic cell line, for further prosecution. Further, Applicants provisionally elect the species: an undifferentiated non-transformed mammalian hepatic cell line. Claims 1-4, 8-15, 17-20, 22, 23-27, 31-33, and 35-37 read on the elected species.

Remarks begin at page 2 of this paper.